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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Chicago and New York, prices were unchanged on all sizes. Prices in other reported areas were mostly lower on all sizes. The market tone was barely steady to about steady entering the week. Demand was light to instances fairly good, with features providing extra interest. Supplies were adequate to available. Breaking stock offerings ranged sufficient to ample for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were at least sufficient to fully adequate for processing requirements.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 5 cents lower on the larger sizes and unchanged to 3.5 cents lower on mediums; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 7 cents lower on the larger sizes and unchanged to 2 cents lower on mediums, when based on previous week average pricing. In New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was about steady. Demand into all outlets ranged light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to available. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to ample for the moderate demand. Light type fowl were at least adequate to fully adequate for mostly normal processing schedules.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were down 6 cents for large and 3 cents for medium. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was about steady. Retail demand was light to fairly good with feature activity providing extra interest. Food service movement about moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate. Central states nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged to 1 cent lower, checks and undergrades range 1 cent down. Demand light to fair for the available offers. Most buyers and sellers evaluating needs and market conditions before purchasing additional product. Floor stocks adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment cautiously steady.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The trade sentiment was barely steady. Retail and food service demand light to moderate, best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies fully available on all sizes.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta, prices were lower on all sizes. However, in Florida, prices were unchanged on small and lower on the balance. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady entering the week. Demand was light to occasionally moderate, better where features were planned or in progress. Supplies were fully sufficient to ample for present trade needs. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending October 4, 2002 was 59.79 cents, which was 1.47 cents less than a week earlier, but 5.44 cents higher than last year. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to ample for the moderate demand. Light type fowl were at least sufficient to fully adequate for mostly normal processing schedules.

WESTERN Prices 6-7 cents lower on jumbo, 7-8 cents lower on extra large, 6 cents lower on large, and 2-3 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 4% higher than last Monday with California up 4% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 4%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings in fair balance inside the region.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone entering the week was steady to about steady. Retail demand ranged light to moderate, with best movement centered around feature activity. Supplies were fully sufficient to ample for current requirements.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DLVRD STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DZ.

	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	94-96	84-86	54-56
New York	58-62	56-60	42-46
Philadelphia	56-62.5	55-60.5	41-44.5
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	48-57.5	46-53.5	33-36.5
Jackson (1)	62-64	56-58	40-42
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	59-69	54-64	42-52
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	48-52	46-50	34-38
Detroit (2)	44-49	43-47	34-38
Major Ohio Cities (2)	46-50	45-48	33-36
Major Wisconsin Cities	47-54	46-52	34-39
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	66-68	63-65	51-53
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	88	80	71
(1) - Prices reported weekly (2) - Delivered Warehouse (3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA Prices 7 cents lower on jumbo, 8 cents lower on extra large, 6 cents lower on large, and 2 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 4% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Local offerings in good balance. Some perishable shipments to Hawaii reportedly will be allowed soon during port lockout. Small benchmark price 51. Ads in Northern California: major-jumbo dozen 179, large dozen 189, buy 1 get 1 free, 18 pack 199.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

RANGE			
JUMBO	102		
EXTRA LARGE	88		
LARGE	80		
MEDIUM	71		
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.			
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	239-319	JUMBO	235-289
EXTRA LARGE	229-299	EXTRA LARGE	219-249
LARGE	199-219	LARGE	195-239
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	169-189

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending October 11, 2002 will increase by 10 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending October 04, 2002 were 248,128 cases which was 5 percent above the prior week and 4 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	205,652	42,476	248,128
% change from the prior week.....	+1	+28	+5

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Nest run prices mostly unchanged to 1 cent lower, checks and undergrades range down 1 cent. Demand light to fair for the available offers. Most buyers and sellers evaluating needs and market conditions before purchasing additional product. Floor stocks adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment cautiously steady. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	29-35	33-35
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	19-24	
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were slightly irregular when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were fully adequate for the generally light to fair demand. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Finished product supplies were about adequate to adequate and clearing. The undertone was steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 07-OCT-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-10 CENTS/LB.	7-9	8.36
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were slightly lower compared to the past week. Demand was only fair for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were moderate with supplies in line with production schedules. Trade sentiment was about steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 07-OCT-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4.75-1125 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.59

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM OCT 07, 2002

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.9	17.1	8.9	13.5	10.9	60.3
	Change	0.9	1.2	0.4	-2.2	1.0	2%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	29.1	50.4	17.0	25.9	28.5	150.9
	Change	-7.3	-5.7	-0.8	-2.5	-3.1	-11%
Large	Curr Wk	50.6	127.2	86.0	87.4	119.3	470.5
	Change	-0.1	-7.4	-1.4	-13.4	13.7	-2%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.2	49.8	17.2	28.6	29.2	139.0
	Change	-3.4	0.9	-2.0	1.9	-9.8	-8%
Small	Curr Wk	6.7	5.9	5.6	8.8	9.6	36.6
	Change	0.5	-1.7	-0.6	-0.8	3.1	1%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.0	18.0	5.6	17.8	5.1	50.5
	Change	0.9	3.6	0.5	-2.7	0.8	7%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	24.6	48.3	28.9	35.4	31.7	168.9
	Change	1.8	16.8	2.1	6.0	3.1	21%
Total	Curr Wk	139.1	316.7	169.2	217.4	234.3	1076.7
Percent	Change	-5%	2%	-1%	-6%	4%	-1%
TOTAL		Number of Cases		Percent Change		Number of Cooperators	
Shell Egg		1076.7		-1%		174	
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/		292.9		10%		38	
Total Shell Egg		1369.6		2%		212	

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 174 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

The five inventory areas are identified as:

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central- IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central- AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2002

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	188.2	185.1	176.1	114.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 23, 2002 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	147	147	137	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCTOBER 04, 2002

CURRENT LOADS		13.25		FUTURE LOADS		7.00		TOTAL LOADS		20.25	
CLASS	SE	NE	MW	LOADS	CLASS	SC	NW	SW	LOADS		
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	—	—	28.50	30.00	—	—	—	—	56.00	60.00	.75
GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	49.00	1.25
GL W XL	—	—	—	42.00	38.91	—	3.25	—	—	47.33	4.50
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	38.00	—	4.50	—	—	40.00	.25
GL W MD	—	—	—	26.50	26.20	—	2.25	—	—	—	—
GL W SM	—	—	18.00	19.50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
NRBS - 48	28.50	30.00	—	—	32.50	34.00	2.00	—	—	—	—
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00	—	—	—	—

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 09/28/02-10/04/02

CURRENT LOADS		142.00		FUTURE LOADS		46.00		TOTAL LOADS		188.00	
CLASS	SE	NE	MW	LOADS	CLASS	SC	NW	MW	LOADS		
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	29.33	33.67	32.00	32.50	—	—	7.00	GL W J	52.00	54.00	—
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	39.50	36.00	5.00	GL W XL	—	46.38	—
GNR BR 1	—	—	39.00	40.00	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	40.50	45.00	—
GL W J	—	—	—	54.25	47.88	—	5.00	GL W MD	29.07	27.00	—
GL W XL	—	—	41.86	44.09	38.07	—	55.50	GL W SM	17.50	20.00	—
GL W LG	36.00	—	42.00	38.50	35.45	41.00	31.75	GL BR XL	54.00	—	—
GL W MD	22.00	26.75	24.00	26.50	26.58	29.00	16.00	NRBS - 39	16.50	17.00	—
GL W SM	—	—	18.67	20.83	18.75	20.00	5.50	NRBS - 36	16.25	18.00	—
NRBS - 48	28.50	30.00	32.00	38.33	35.65	36.74	55.50				
NRBS - 45	31.00	—	—	—	30.10	32.70	23.00				
NRBS - 39	22.73	—	21.00	22.50	—	25.31	19.00				

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 09/22/02 - 09/28/02

State	Number Cases Shipped To Northern CA	Number Cases Shipped To Central CA	Number Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	540	540
Colorado	1,410	0	3,414	4,824
Georgia	0	0	810	810
Indiana	0	0	800	800
Iowa	4,430	780	39,225	44,435
Michigan	0	0	840	840
Minnesota	2,180	1,670	12,580	16,430
Missouri	0	0	2,300	2,300
New Hampshire	0	0	3,690	3,690
Ohio	0	1,422	1,750	3,172
Oregon	2,089	0	0	2,089
Texas	0	0	950	950
Utah	0	1,460	9,837	11,297
Washington	0	1,426	0	1,426
Wisconsin	0	0	1,481	1,481
TOTALS	10,109	6,758	78,217	95,084

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
112-115	75-78	65-68	35-38	19-22

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
50-60	44-47	41-46	31-35	23-27

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
27-30	16-20	6-9

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	09/30/02	09/23/02	10/01/01
PACIFIC COAST	456	481	226
LOS ANGELES	393	448	0

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland: 9/22/02-9/28/02

30-dozen cases 7,136

Receipts from the mainland: 9/15/02-9/21/02

30-dozen cases 7,367

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
74.72	69.03	53.27	45.27

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